

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Michael W. Brown et al.** § Attorney Docket No. **AUS000054US2**  
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Serial No.: **10/686,432** § Examiner: **Iwarere, Oluseye**  
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Filed: **October 15, 2003** § Confirmation No.: **7293**  
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For: **MANAGING STORE INVENTORY** § Art Unit: **3687**  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated March 11, 2008, having a shortened statutory period ending June 11, 2008. No fee for an extension of time is believed required in submitting this response. However, in case an extension fee is necessary please charge any such fee and other fees necessary to further the prosecution of the present application to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447**.

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.